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SUBJECT:STATEMENT ON WELCH

DEPARTMENT PRESS OFFICE RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT THIS
EVENING ON WELCH SHOOTING:

1. RICHARD S. WELCH, A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE
AMBASSADOR AND FIRST SECRETARY AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN
ATHENS, WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY THREE UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANTS
THIS AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 23, 1975.

2. SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS SENT A MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE
TO MR. WELCH'S WIDOW, WHO RESIDED WITH HIM IN ATHENS.

3. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS CONVEYED TO US ITS OUTRAGE
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AT THIS BARBARIC ACT AND HAS GIVEN US ITS ASSURANCES

THAT ALL POSSIBLE MEANS ARE BEING TAKEN TO APPREHEND THE
CRIMINALS RESPONSIBLE. KISSINGER

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